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RAILROAD BUILDING.

Central Oregon Commanding Attention Through Hills Recent Invasion.

D. H. Ashton, the railroad builder, was registered at the Carter House a few days this week. While he has not established any home here it is only a question of time with him.

During an evening conversation we learned many ideas of how Oregon is the most interesting point on the continent to the railroad world.

There is a larger area in Oregon without rail facilities than in any other of the United States. Preliminary surveys demonstrate the feasibility of the construction and investigation that the tonnage to warrant the construction is waiting.

Oregon's growing importance in the railroad world is demonstrated by the many changes in the offices of the Eastern roads in Portland, the companies are all strengthening their office forces and several new lines, notably the Vanderbilts, have opened offices.

Oregon has always been dominated by the Harriman system and the policy that waits until the country is developed before building for the business. As the principal industry of Central Oregon has been cattle, because that alone could be got to the market and the railroad got it anyway they did not see fit to assist in the upbuilding of the state.

There is another master mind in the railroad world, J. J. Hill, whose policy is develop the country by building railroads and making it possible to market anything produced, this brings population.

When Hill finally got in position to enter Oregon by the Deschutes route it made the Harriman people sit up and take notice as it was apparent their old nothing policy could not be followed any longer and that is why the railroad across

Central Oregon is going to be built soon as the spring opens.

The right of way secured by the Hanley and Wood interests at strategic points will facilitate matters as will also their surveys, and these will be so handled as to give at least two lines an opportunity to build.

Hill is reported to have recently acquired an interest in the Western Pacific, which controls the Nevada, California and Oregon, running from Reno Nevada to a point south of Lakeview. By extending this line north and the Deschutes line south a connection can be made giving Hill an entrance into California, a goal much desired.

That the west is due to be invaded by one or more additional transcontinental lines is evident, that the only feasible route across Central Oregon is up the Malheur Valley is well known and this will bring them to our door.

Several short lines of railroad have been built and when the time comes it will be found that these are owned by one of the big lines.

The Pin road has recently changed hands and the Pumpkin Vine will likely be picked up as both of these could be used in making connections.

The Northwestern has announced that they will build 1500 miles of new road, have approved surveys to Seattle, Portland and San Francisco and bonds to pay the expense are being issued.

Before many years Oregon will be able to throw off the Harriman yoke and start on the forward march.

Mr. Ashton stated that the Brogan road has five miles of grade about ready for the track and are going ahead where the conditions will permit.

Newspaper Advertising

Oregon Pub'city Bureau Selects Best Medium.

An advertising campaign that will reach no less than 27,428,750 readers of newspapers throughout the country has been planned by the Portland Commercial Club and will be opened in January and run for three months. The advertising will call attention to vacant lands of this state and the need here for the newcomer. There is no question that this rising will result in bringing many people to Oregon and whole state, not any one section will be benefited. The rate of advertising will be

H. W. Hicks Dead.

H. W. Hicks, a former Ontarioite, died the first of the week at Elko, Nev. He leaves three children—the Misses Maude and Jessie—who are attending school here, and a son, William. His wife died here several years ago. Harry had many warm friends who will deeply regret to hear of his demise.

With the Injured.

Rev. Miller was badly burned on the face at the Methodist church Christmas tree. He is around and will not be badly marked.

L. D. Waring is reported as doing nicely and no serious results are anticipated.

The Stock Business.

The cattle business has been quiet this week.

Of Portland has purchased a car ve Magill and a and bulls from

Local News.

C. O. Thomas, of Vale, has been in Ontario several days this week on business.

Lost—Light blue hair scarf. Return to Argus office for reward.

Services at the M. E. Church Sunday morning, especially for the members of the Eastern Star and Masonic lodges.

Ed Long, of Baker City, is visiting his brother Geo. Long of the Long Clothing Co. He drove down and reports much snow on the way.

The holidays tries men's souls. The rich over eat; the poor barely have enough and the middle class swim along in the cream.

Solomon had the worst time in his life when he tried to explain to his mothers-in-law why the Queen of Sheba had called to see him.

Health is too precious to be tampered with by incompetent vendors of drugs. Try the Wilson Duffy Drug Co., for clean drugs, and expert service.

The jury list for the coming term of court has been drawn and the following are from Ontario: J. D. Billingsley, T. J. Johnson, Thos. Fiser, D. M. Nichols, and L. A. Walker.

Willis J. Megorden and Miss Nellie Pounds were married at the home of the bride's parents L. C. Pounds at Nyssa, Wednesday December 29. Rev. Morrison officiating.

It is good policy to speak well of our town, but it is not good policy to become so enamoured of its goodness and beauty as to disguise from ourselves what it lacks and how it may be improved.

"Orchard Heating" is the title of a pamphlet being issued by D. E. Burley of the Short Line for the benefit of the fruit men of this section. This may be secured by applying to any of the agents of the company. The work has been compiled at much expense and is invaluable to orchardists.

Murder at Huntington

Carl Carnes Shot by Jim Leighton Over Solo Game.

Carl Carnes, a tinhorn gambler, was shot and killed at Huntington by Jim Leighton on the 24th.

The trouble arose over a game of solo. Carnes cheated in the game and won a few dollars, which he offered to divide with Leighton, as he knew Leighton had seen the crooked play. Words passed and the shooting followed.

Carnes was a cripple, and known around Baker City and Huntington as a tin horn. He was of the class who seek an easy living, no matter how they get the money and his end is what all of the class usually come to.

Some of these young men who do not care to work start out stealing horses, not being gifted with sufficient sense to realize they will soon be caught and compelled to spend time behind the bars.

There are several young men of sporty proclivities around here that are headed in that path.

Fruitland.

On Thursday evening there were four runaways in Fruitland within half an hour. No damage done except a few breaks on some of the rigs, although Miss Florence Frazier had a narrow escape as she was in one of the rigs when it turned over.

The M. E. church was filled with Merry Christmas makers on Christmas eve to hear the cantata, which was nicely rendered. The Baptists also had a nice program and a large crowd.

The Christmas program at the United Brethren church Saturday evening was well attended.

The funeral of Mrs. Ladd at Emmett, a sister of Mrs. Nancy Wilson, was held on Wednesday of last week and Mrs. Wilson returned home the same day.

Mr. H. Walters had the misfortune to lose one of the horses with which he is feeding sheep for M. Braderson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Stegner of Payette took Christmas dinner with their son E. A. Stegner.

Mr. Griffith, the druggist has moved his boarding quarters to the Rich building.

A car of coal was unloaded at Fruitland in short order Monday afternoon.

Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors should remember the joint installation of officers and banquet January 15th.

H. E. Wilfong passed through Fruitland Tuesday on his way back to the homestead in Oregon.

Financial Standing Of the West as Shown by Recent Bank Statements.

According to the report made by the National Monetary Commission, the banks of the Pacific Coast stand third in the United States. This body has investigated all of the financial institutions in the country during the past year. It places the Middle Eastern or Atlantic States at the head of the list, the resources per capita being largest. The New England States are next and then follow the Pacific Coast States. Thereafter, the middle Western, Far Western, and Southern groups are ranked in the order named. Washington stands third in the Pacific group being headed by Nevada and California.

The Councils To Meet

On Monday and Tuesday Evenings—New and Old.

The old City Council will hold their last meeting on Monday evening to close up the year's business.

On Tuesday evening the new mayor and council will be installed and his appointments announced.

In addition to naming four committees the mayor has the appointment of the recorder, city marshal and street commissioner.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES.

Via Oregon Short Line. Tickets on sale December 18th, 23d, 24th, 25th and 31st, 1909, and January 1st, 1910; limit, January 3d, 1910. See agents for particulars.

Local News.

Use Wilson & Duffy's Rational Cold Cure.

Born—In this city, Dec. 26, 1909, to Mrs. Hick Staples, a son.

For Sale—60 tons of grain hay. A. H. Ramey, Fruitland, Idaho.

Mrs. Emily Steward of Boise is spending the holidays in Ontario, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. King.

The health of the people of Ontario is good, a few colds is about all.

The great Prescription No. 1, for coughs, at Wilson-Duffy Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Duffy were in Boise for the holidays. Mrs. Duffy will return later.

Wm. R. McNeil and Mr. Olenbech have purchased desert claims on upper Dead Ox Flat.

If you don't want to be like the clothier's dummy, do something more than stand on the corner.

Mrs. Peak, of Portland, was the guest of G. H. Shearer's family on Tuesday. She had been in Nebraska, with the mercury 29 below and stopped over for a short visit.

A. W. Doland and wife, of Spokane, were visiting their daughter, Mrs. H. C. Wilson during the holidays. Mr. Doland has returned but Mrs. Doland will remain a short time.

Owing to two clerks not having sent in reports the annual school census is still incomplete. The county court convenes next week and will set the levy for each district. Those not having reports in may get in trouble.

W. B. Butterfield and J. H. Hutchinson, of Union, were Ontario visitors this week. They are extensively interested in the Malheur oil fields and stated there is not a family in Union that has not some oil stock. They left for the Mammoth and Eastern Oregon wells on Tuesday.

Maler Yockey Fatal Fall

From the Haas Building at Weiser, on Last Thursday.

Maler Yockey, a resident of Vale, Oregon, a carpenter, died Sunday night at Josephine hospital, Weiser, from the effects of a fall which he received Thursday afternoon. Yockey, who was intoxicated, was looking for a job. He went to the Haas building looking for work. He ascended a ladder from the ground to the joists on the second floor of the building. After talking with some of the workmen a short time, he started for the ladder with the intention of descending to the ground when in some manner he lost his footing and fell to the second floor, a distance of about eighteen feet.

The workmen ran to his assistance, and he was taken to Josephine hospital. An examination disclosed that one leg was broken in two places, that his skull was fractured, and he was badly bruised otherwise. His injuries were pronounced fatal. He never regained consciousness, and passed away Sunday noon. He leaves a wife and one child. He was 52 years of age.—Weiser Signal.

Maler Yockey was well known in Ontario and Vale.

NEW PLYMOUTH HAPPENINGS.

Farmers Institute Held—Items of Personal and Local Nature Reported.

Fred Harper has had his new house wired.

The cold storage is now being filled with ice.

Midnight mass was held at St. Aloysius church, Christmas eve.

Earl Phetteplace is invoicing in the Plymouth Hardware store.

Frank Johnson and Ernest Myer were entertained at Ben Ackerman's Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard are the proud parents of a baby girl born December 18.

Miss Edna Bean entertained a party of young folks Tuesday evening to a taffy pull.

Christmas exercises were held at the Baptist and Congregational churches Christmas eve.

The concert that was given by the Plymouth Choral Union December 17 netted \$41.35.

The young folks are enjoying themselves skating as there is more ice than usual this year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Acnerman and nephew, Arnold, left for Nebraska to visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. O. H. Talbert of Coeur d'Alene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bloyden over Christmas.

J. H. Gray came from Union, Oregon, Friday to spend Christmas with his wife and daughter, returning Monday.

Mr. Lockner, the blacksmith, has sold to H. H. McMannis. Mr. Lockner leaves for Pocatello soon to work on the railroad.

The Friendship class is invited to Thos. Weir's home New Year's Day. Every one bring your lunch baskets full and also your skates.

The Misses Agnes, Lillian and Charlotte Swatman, Phoebe Sheldon and Paul Drake are spending their Christmas vacation at home.

C. A. Phetteplace now has a button machine and requests all ladies to call at the tailor shop to see it. He can also show you a Singer sewing machine.

An ordinance has been passed by the village board, which became effective at once, that all children must be in by 7:30 p. m. in the winter months and 9 p. m. in summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Meyer entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Redman and daughter, Miss Clara Ackerman, George Noyes and Richard Smith.

Misses Marrilla and Julia Hanigan and Viola Meechan, who are attending school in Boise, are home for the holidays also Miss Veronica Meechan, who is attending school in Seattle.

Farmer's Institute was held in New Plymouth, December 28 and 29 at the Pioneer opera house. Subjects discussed were: "Organization for Farmers" by Prof. E. E. Elliott. "Rural Education" by Prof. J. H. Frandson. "Planting Fruit Trees" by Prof. W. H. Wicks. "Soil

Management" by Prof. S. F. Childers. "Potatoes" by Elias Nelson. "Irrigation Problems" by E. L. Wells.

Mrs. Chas Phillips is still very ill.

W. F. Boal spent Christmas in Payette.

Mrs. J. M. Noyes is on the road of recovery.

Pearl Wachter is spending a few days in Boise.

Miss Mathilda Stuve is visiting her cousin, Edna Stuve.

Miss Edith Forbes spent a couple of days with Katie Meyer.

Christmas exercises were held at the Valley View school house.

Frank Gould sold 40 acres of his land to Miss Miller of Kansas.

Benjamin Culver went to Payette Monday to attend High School.

A social will be given in the Congregational church New Year's eve.

A dance will be given in the Pioneer hall, New Year's eve. Good music.

T. H. Gilbert returned from Meadows Friday where he has been on business.

Mrs. E. E. Cox and two sons are visiting with Mrs. Henry Weidner in Payette.

Miss Sheldon and Prof. Strong are attending the State Teachers' meeting in Boise.

Mr. A. M. Bolden made a trip to Emmett Saturday and brought his wife back with him.

The Congregational Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Drysdale Wednesday, December 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker and daughter, Lucile, from Caldwell, spent Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. E. W. Cuff, from Boise, assistant treasurer of the state, has been transacting business here for a few days.

Thomas Rice, Donald Grate and Wilfred Ringer, who are attending school in Weiser are home for the holidays.

Mr. A. J. Nicols will speak on Naples at the Congregational church, January 7, 1910. The proceeds to go towards the expenses of the church.

J. F. Christeen now has a harness shop in what was the Farmers State Bank, and the bank is in their new headquarters in the Pioneer block.

January 5, 1910 supper will be served from 7 o'clock until all are served, at Valley View school house. The Grange has prepared a program for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Somner Davis and son, Merrill, returned Wednesday, December 22nd, from Grand Island, Nebraska, where they have been visiting the past two months.

At the last meeting of Royal Neighbors of America, officers were elected: Oracle, Mrs. E. E. Cox; Vice Oracle, Mrs. Ben Ackerman; Chancellor, Miss Maude Stegall; Recorder, Miss Edna Campbell; Receiver, Mrs. F. D. French; Inner Sentinel, Mrs. Fox; Outer Sentinel, Mrs. Kinart; Manager, Mrs. M. Darnall; Musician, Miss Clara Ackerman.